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HOA LOC AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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An analysis of aerial photography has revealed the existence of an airfield under construction 6.3 nm south of Son Tay, North Vietnam at Hoa Loc (21 02 00N-105 30 00E, UTM WJ520256). On [] the construction activity covered an area approximately 9,000' X 1,800', with the axis of construction oriented in a NW/SE direction.

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Construction activity, consisting of earth scraping and the excavation of drainage ditches was first noted on aerial photography dated []. This activity was a good indication that the construction of a possible airfield was underway. Equipment in the area at this time included 22 tractor-scrappers and 42 other vehicles. There were no storage/support buildings apparent at this time. Also noted were approximately 14 unoccupied light AAA sites. These sites were constructed during the period between [] the last previous date of good coverage, and [].

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Aerial photography of [] confirmed that the pattern of activity was actually an airfield under construction.

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Activity between [] concentrated on excavating drainage ditches and grading the terrain. No other newly developed activity was noted at this time.

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On [] construction activity at the airfield had progressed to a point where compaction of the subsoil was indicated. Piles of aggregate were at and adjacent to the site, along with 81 pieces of heavy engineering equipment. The majority of the equipment observed was camouflaged either by foliage or a protective covering and parked in temporary vehicle revetments dispersed throughout the construction site. This equipment is broken down as follows:

- 2 DT-54 class tractors
- 18 B-30 class tractors
- 10 D-374 class earth scrapers
- 1 D-395 motorized grader
- 1 U/I motorized grader
- 1 E-305 V crane shovel
- 1 U/I crane shovel
- 12 U/I bulldozers
- 4 U/I 3-wheeled motorized rollers
- 1 D-263 pneumatic-tire towed roller
- 1 U/I pneumatic-tire towed roller
- 28 U/I towed rollers
- 1 U/I dump truck

Five aircraft revetments were under construction at WJ511260 and large drainage pipes were noted either lying in ditches or in the open. A slight increase in defense sites was noted, but all remained unoccupied. A total count includes approximately 18 light AAA sites and approximately 24 unoccupied A/W positions. Noted for the first time were approximately 60 storage/support buildings, 57 of which appeared to be crudely built huts composed of thatch, mud, and bamboo. There were 3 wooden structures at WJ537247 that appeared to be of more permanent construction. Five 12 metric-ton FOL tanks and numerous FOL drums were noted dispersed and revetted throughout the site.

No other pertinent activity was noted at the construction site which may add to the final analysis of the airfield or its construction.



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MAPS

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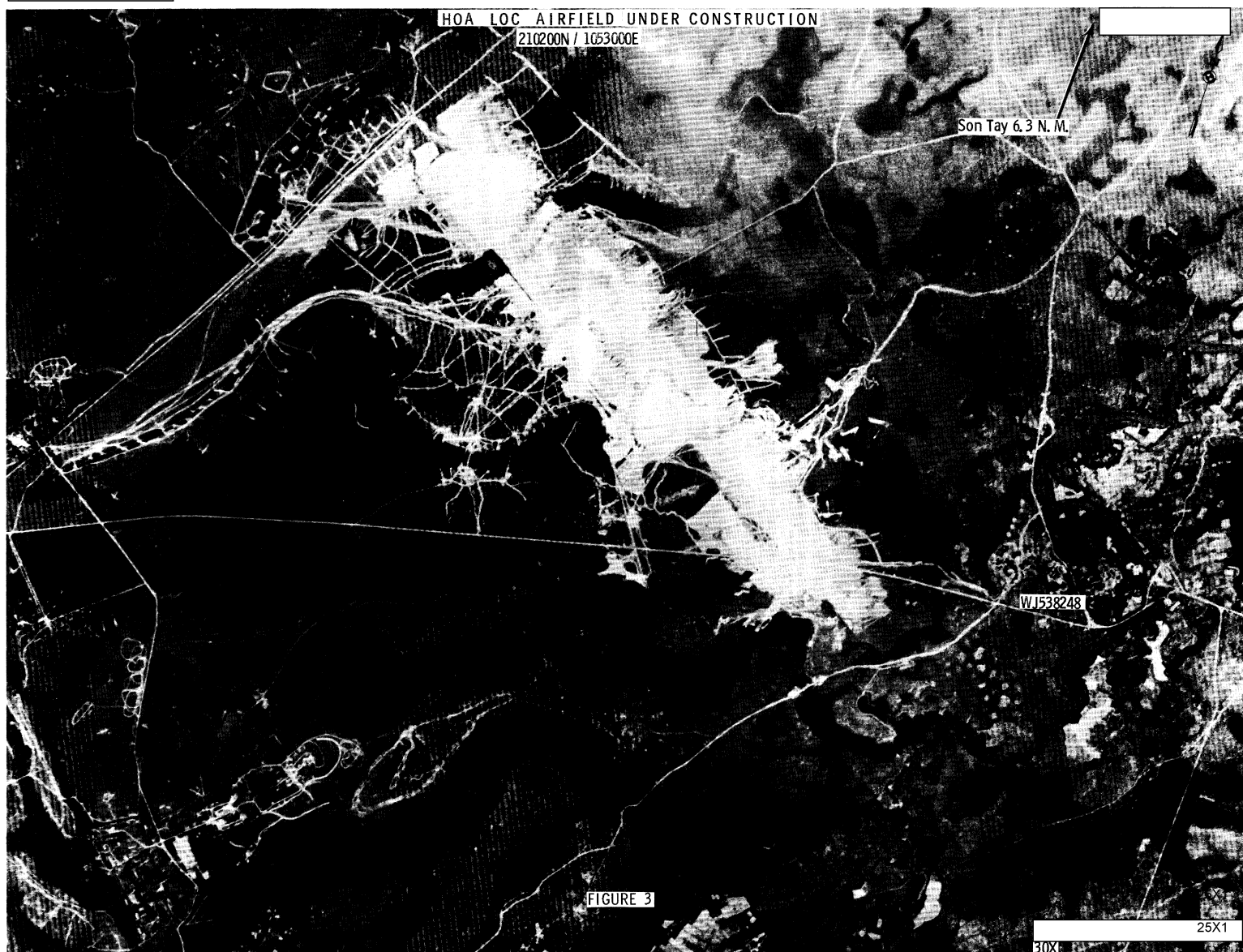


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SUPPORT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AT HOA LOC AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION

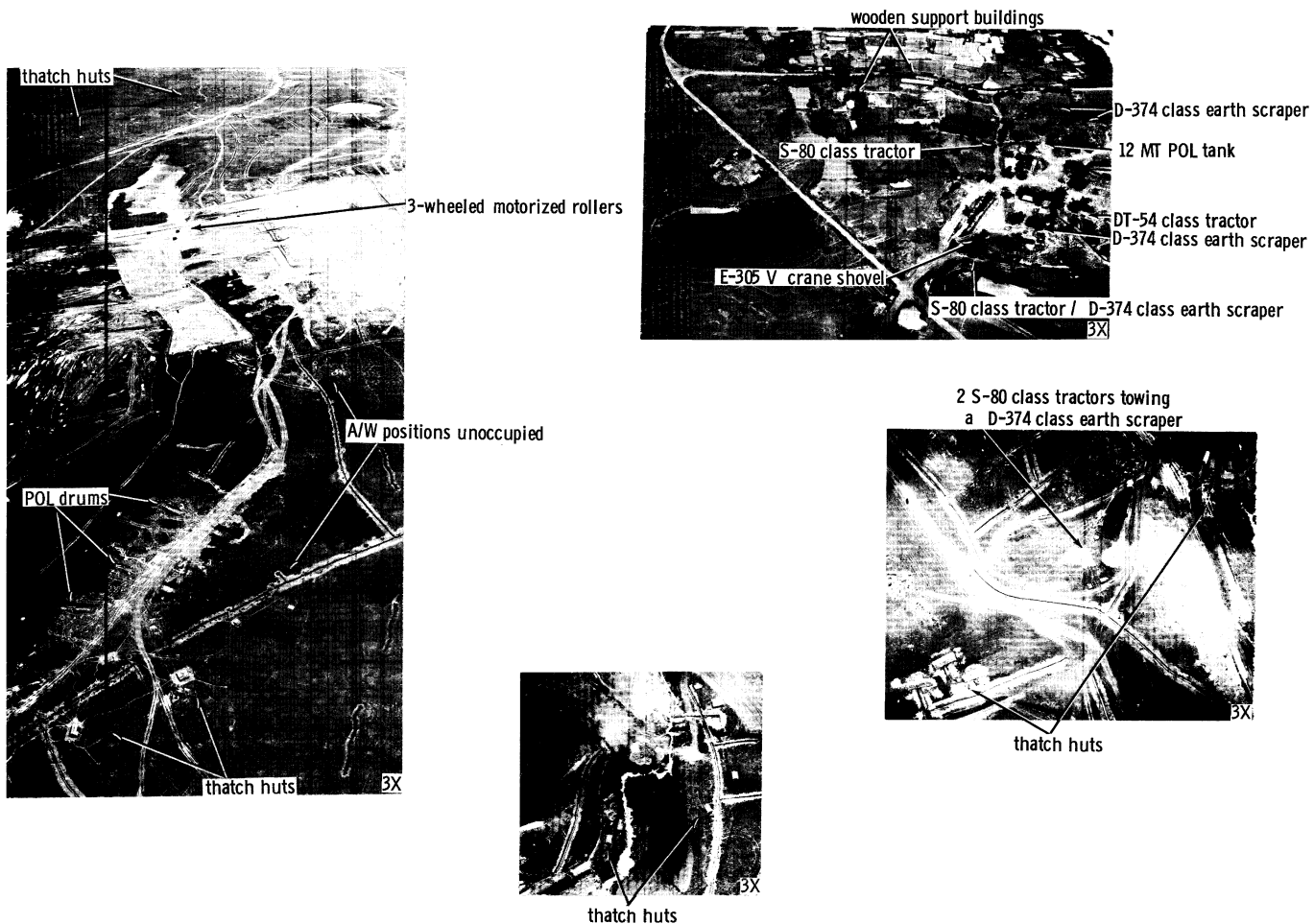


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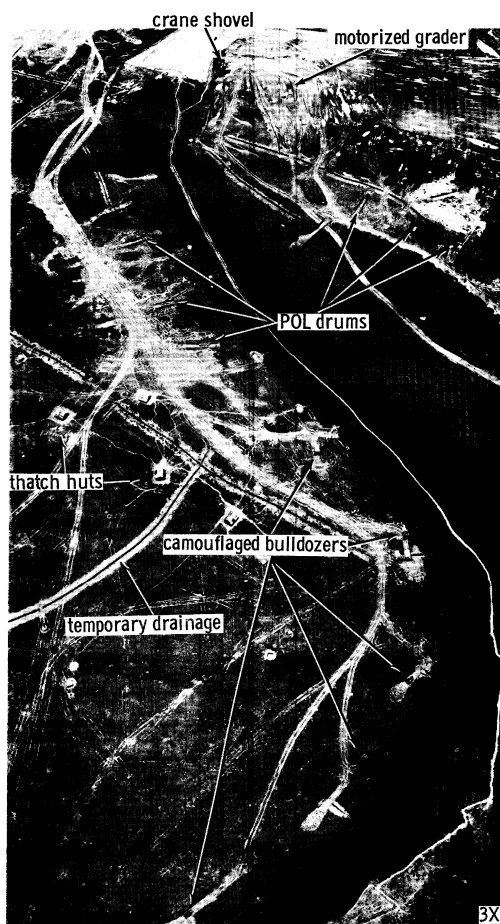
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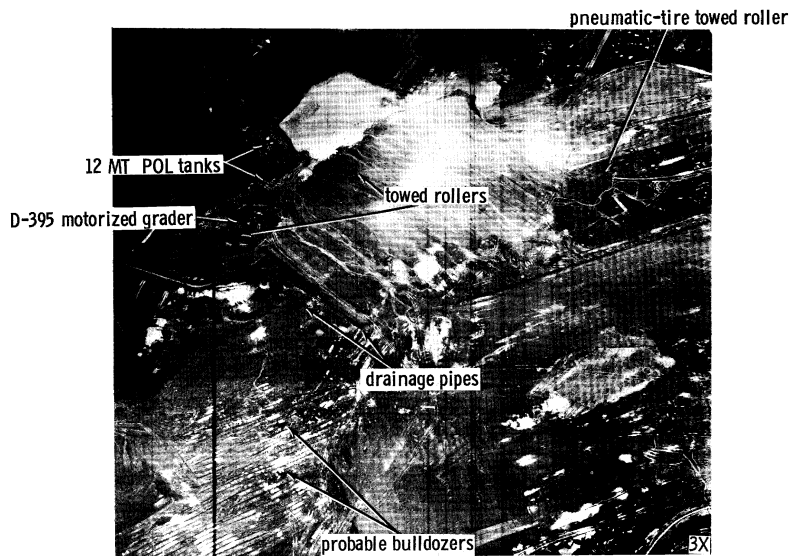


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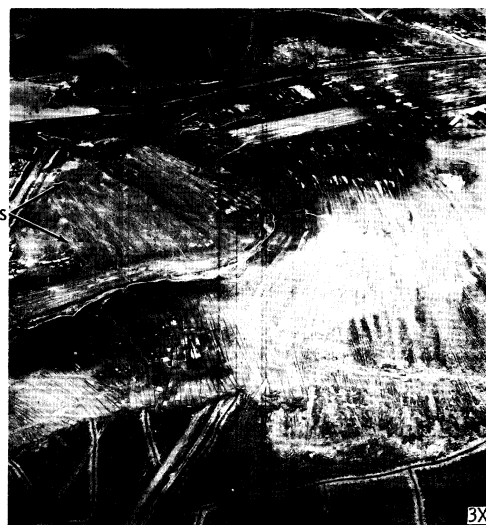
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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT HOA LOC

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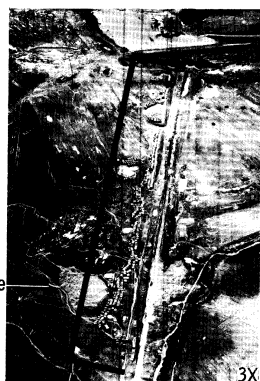
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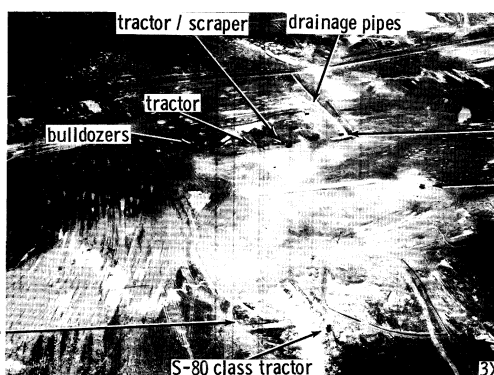
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aggregate



large concrete drainage pipes

triangular trusses



probable water tank

D-263 pneumatic-tire towed roller

S-80 class tractor / D-374 class earth scraper

FIGURE 6 equipment dispersal

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